

Post Office Department

WASHINGTON

ORDER No.

9900

DEC 1 1923

It having been made to appear to the Postmaster General, upon evidence satisfactory to him, that **PREXERANA COMMUNITY, its officers and agents as such, and MRS. L. VEST HOLLER,**

at **Poplars, Maryland,** are engaged in conducting a scheme or device for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises,

in violation of the act of Congress entitled "An act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes relating to lotteries, and for other purposes," approved September 19, 1890, said evidence being more fully described in the memorandum of the Solicitor for the Post Office Department of the date of **December 1**, 1923, and by authority vested in the Postmaster General by said act, and by the act of Congress entitled "An act for the suppression of lottery traffic through international and interstate commerce and the postal service, subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States," approved March 2, 1895, the Postmaster General hereby forbids you to pay any Postal Money Order drawn to the order of said **concern and party** and you are hereby directed to inform the remitter of any such postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the amount thereof will be returned upon the presentation of the original order or a duplicate thereof applied for and obtained under the regulations of the Department.

And you are hereby instructed to return all letters, whether registered or not, and other mail matter which shall arrive at your office directed to the said **concern and party** to the postmasters at the offices at which they were originally mailed, to be delivered to the senders thereof, with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters or matter. Where there is nothing to indicate who are the senders of letters not registered or other matter, you are directed to send such letters and matter to the Division of Dead Letters with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped thereon, to be disposed of as other dead matter under the laws and regulations applicable thereto.

(Signed) HARRY S. NEW

Supplemental)

Postmaster.
rs, Maryland
No. 66556-E

Postmaster General.

Post Office Department

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1923.

ORDER NO. 9900

It having been made to appear to the Postmaster General, upon evidence satisfactory to him, that **Proxerana Community, its officers and agents as such, and Mrs. L. Vest Holler,**

at **Poplars, Maryland,** _____ are engaged in conducting a scheme or device for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises,

in violation of the act of Congress entitled "An act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes relating to lotteries, and for other purposes," approved September 19, 1890, said evidence being more fully described in the memorandum of the Solicitor for the Post Office Department of the date of **December 1,** 19**23**, and by authority vested in the Postmaster General by said act, and by the act of Congress entitled "An act for the suppression of lottery traffic through international and interstate commerce and the postal service, subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States," approved March 2, 1895, the Postmaster General hereby forbids you to pay any Postal Money Order drawn to the order of said **concern and party** and you are hereby directed to inform the remitter of any such postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the amount thereof will be returned upon the presentation of the original order or a duplicate thereof applied for and obtained under the regulations of the Department.

And you are hereby instructed to return all letters, whether registered or not, and other mail matter which shall arrive at your office directed to the said **concern and party** to the postmasters at the offices at which they were originally mailed, to be delivered to the senders thereof, with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters or matter. Where there is nothing to indicate who are the senders of letters not registered or other matter, you are directed to send such letters and matter to the Division of Dead Letters with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped thereon, to be disposed of as other dead matter under the laws and regulations applicable thereto.

(Signed) Harry S. New

Postmaster General.

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to the Postmaster.
Poplars, Maryland.
(Case No. 66556-B)
Supplemental

Post Office Department

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1923.

ORDER No. 9900

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

It having been made to appear to the Postmaster General, upon evidence satisfactory to him, that **THE ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY, its officers and agents as such, and MRS. L. WEST HOLLER,**

December 1, 1923.

In the Matter of Charges that the

**ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY and
M. P. HOLLER, President,**

at
1903 Oregon Avenue, N.E.,
Washington, D. C.,

are engaged in conducting a scheme
for obtaining money through the
mails by means of false and fraud-
ulent pretenses, representations

Memorandum for the Postmaster General
Recommending the issuance of a supple-
mental fraud order against **THE ORIENTAL
UNIVERSITY and MRS. L. WEST HOLLER,**
Poplars, Maryland.

at **Poplars, Maryland,**

are

engaged in conducting a scheme or device for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises,

in violation of the act of Congress entitled

"An act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes relating to lotteries, and for other purposes," approved September 19, 1890, said evidence being more fully described in the memorandum of the Solicitor for the Post Office Department of the date of **December 1**, 1923, and by authority vested in the Postmaster General by said act, and by the act of Congress entitled "An act for the suppression of lottery traffic through international and interstate commerce and the postal service, subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States," approved March 2, 1895, the Postmaster General hereby forbids you to pay any Postal Money Order drawn to the order of said **concern and party** and you are hereby directed to inform the remitter of any such postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the amount thereof will be returned upon the presentation of the original order or a duplicate thereof applied for and obtained under the regulations of the Department.

And you are hereby instructed to return all letters, whether registered or not, and other mail matter which shall arrive at your office directed to the said **concern and party** to the postmasters at the offices at which they were originally mailed, to be delivered to the senders thereof, with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters or matter. Where there is nothing to indicate who are the senders of letters not registered or other matter, you are directed to send such letters and matter to the Division of Dead Letters with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped thereon, to be disposed of as other dead matter under the laws and regulations applicable thereto.

Briefly, the scheme consisted in representations by **Helmut P. Holler,**

as promoter, to the effect that the Oriental University was an institution

(Signed) **Harry S. New**

(Supplemental)

of high character and standing, with facilities for instructing

Postmaster General.

To the Postmaster,
Poplars, Maryland

Case No. 66556-E

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WASHINGTON

Post Office Department
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
Washington

December 1, 1923.

In the Matter of Charges that the)
ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY and)
H. P. HOLLER, PRESIDENT,)
at)
1702 Oregon Avenue, N.W.,)
Washington, D. C.,)
are engaged in conducting a scheme)
for obtaining money through the)
mails by means of false and fraud-)
ulent pretenses, representations)
and promises, in violation of Sec-)
tions 3929 and 4041 of the Revised)
Statutes of the United States, as)
amended.)

MEMORANDUM for the Postmaster General
Recommending the issuance of a supple-
mental fraud order against PREXERANA
COMMUNITY and MRS. L. VEST HOLLER,
Poplars, Maryland.

On November 5, 1923, a fraud order was issued against the Oriental University, H. P. Holler, President, and their officers and agents as such, at Washington, D. C., and North Beach, Maryland, upon evidence satisfying the Postmaster General that under those names a scheme was being conducted for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, in violation of Sections 3929 and 4041 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended.

The said scheme was fully described in the memorandum of this office dated November 5, 1923, upon which the said fraud order was based.

Briefly, the scheme consisted in representations by Helmuth P. Holler, the promoter, to the effect that the Oriental University was an institution of learning of high character and standing, with facilities for instructing students in residence or by correspondence, and that the said institution

has distinguished patrons, a large faculty, and numbers among its graduates a great many persons all over the world; whereas, the evidence showed that the institution is without standing among other institutions of learning both in this country and abroad; that its so-called "patrons" are persons who have been dead for a great many years and who had no connection whatever with the institution while living; that the long list of "members of the faculty" was carried in the catalogue and other literature for advertising purposes, said persons performing no duties as members of the faculty; and further that the list of students was augmented by the names of persons who were never matriculated in the institution.

This office is now in receipt of evidence showing that under date of November 12, 1923, seven days after the issuance of the fraud order above mentioned, the following circular letter was mailed at Owings, Maryland.

Founded 1903

Chartered in Va. and D.C.

Founder and President

Bishop Dr. H. P. Holler

ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1702 Oregon Ave. N. W.

Represented By

Date of Post Stamp.

Dear Sir or Madam:-

In answer to your welcome inquiry we have sent you our printed matter, and we trust that you will find in it what you are looking for.

All our courses may be taken by correspondence, also those for degrees; but we are now also making arrangements to erect the necessary buildings for residence work in all departments on the tract of land acquired by us and named "Prexerana Community," as per page 2 of the complete list of courses sent you.

In addressing us at present, please omit the name of the University and the name of President Holler, but simply address:
Prexerana Community,

Poplars, Calvert Co., Maryland.

The reason for this is given in the enclosed circular letter.

If you need any further information to decide which courses to take, or if you want to know how many courses are required for any certificate or diploma to be earned, we shall be glad to give you such definite information. Make all payments due to Mrs. L. Vest Holler, our treasurer.

With the application, you should also send in true and exact copies (not originals to be returned) of all your school certificates and diplomas and give detailed information about all courses taken and finished at other schools. Stitch these papers together and sign them before a notary public, as it is necessary to have them in such proper form, to be kept in record files, for proofs of your qualification.

Hoping to have the pleasure of receiving your early application, documents, and fee for any courses you may desire and for which you are qualified, and assuring you of our very best attention, we would ask your indulgence in being a little patient, as we are at present always overloaded with work. But we take up every application and every letter in its proper course, according to the date received by us.

Sincerely yours,
The Registrar.

This is manifestly an attempt to evade the effect of the fraud order issued on November 5, 1923, and I therefore recommend that the said order be extended to cover the names Prexerana Community and Mrs. L. Vest Holler, at Poplars, Maryland.

H. J. Donnelly
Acting Solicitor.

December 5, 1923

The Solicitor,
Post Office Department,
Washington. D.C.



Dear Sir -

I acknowledge receipt of order no 9900,
dated December 1st, 1923, forbidding the delivery of
mail matter and the payment of money orders
to Esperanza Community and Mrs L. Vest Haller.

Very respectfully

James B. Gantt.

Postmaster

Copy sent to Miss Sanger for
the Postal Guide.

December 3, 1923.

Chief Clerk,
Post Office Department.

Attached hereto is a notice to all postmasters
which I will be pleased to have you insert in the Daily
Bulletin and in the next monthly supplement to the Postal
Guide.

(Signed) H. J. DONNELLY

Acting Solicitor.

Copy sent to Miss Sanger for
the Postal Guide.

FRAUD ORDER
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
Washington

December 3, 1923.

Postmaster,
Poplars, Maryland.

December 3, 1923.

My dear Sir:

I inclose herewith a copy of order No. 1000, dated

On December 1, 1923, a fraud order was issued
December 1, 1923, forbidding the delivery of mail matter and
against Proxerana Community, its officers and agents as such,
the payment of money orders to Proxerana Community, its officers and agents
and Mrs. L. Vest Holler, at Poplars, Maryland.

as such, and Mrs. L. Vest Holler, at Poplars, Maryland.
All mail addressed to the said concern and party

should be returned to senders stamped "Fraudulent: Mail to
the original of which, signed by the Postmaster General, has been retained in
this address returned by order of Postmaster General."
the files of this Department.

This order does not cover mail matter under the frank of a Senator or
(Signed) H. J. DONNELLY
Representative or other officer entitled to the franking privilege, nor that
Acting Solicitor.
which is covered by an official envelope. Nor does it apply to matter not
under seal, such as newspapers, circulars, etc., unless specifically so stated
in the order or by subsequent letter of instructions.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) H. J. DONNELLY

December 3, 1923.

Postmaster,
Poplars, Maryland.

My dear Sir:

I inclose herewith a copy of order No. 9900, , dated
December 1, 1923, , forbidding the delivery of mail matter and
the payment of money orders to Prexerana Community, its officers and agents
as such, and Mrs. L. Vest Holler, at Poplars, Maryland,
the original of which, signed by the Postmaster General, has been retained in
the files of this Department.

This order does not cover mail matter under the frank of a Senator or
Representative or other officer entitled to the franking privilege, nor that
which is covered by an official envelope. Nor does it apply to matter not
under seal, such as newspapers, circulars, etc., unless specifically so stated
in the order or by subsequent letter of instructions.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) H. J. DONNELLY

Acting Solicitor.

Inclosure.